

Environmental Excellence: *A 20-Year Vision*

On-Line Survey and Public Meetings

Overview of Results

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On-Line Survey

- ▶ Conducted in June 2016
- ▶ 285 surveys submitted
- ▶ To inform reviews of each of the seven technical teams working on the draft updated Vision

Survey Questions:

1. What do you think are the top three environmental concerns facing the county?
2. Do you feel that this document is complete? If not, what do you think is missing?
3. Are there any other changes you would suggest to the Environmental Vision? If so, please elaborate.

Public Meetings

- ▶ Three meetings held in July 2016—66 attendees total
- ▶ Breakout sessions focused on the three survey questions
- ▶ Additional written testimony was submitted by eleven individuals
- ▶ Also to inform reviews of each of the seven technical teams working on the draft updated Vision

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Affiliations of Respondents to the Survey (285 surveys submitted)

Affiliation	Number	Percent
Individual	220	77.2%
Government	16	5.6%
Community Organization	10	3.5%
Environmental Nonprofit	9	3.2%
Other Nonprofit	1	0.4%
Business or Business Representative	2	0.7%
Other*	26	9.1%
Anonymous	1	0.4%

*Faith community; University; Government employee; Multiple affiliations; Individuals providing more detail

Question 1: What do you think are the top three environmental concerns facing the county?

284 out of 285 responded to this question

Survey Results: Overview of Categories Identified

MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORIES

- ▶ Water Quality
- ▶ Climate Change/Energy
- ▶ Growth/Land Use
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Air Quality
- ▶ Parks/Open Space

FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORIES

- ▶ Ecological Resources/Trees
- ▶ Environmental Stewardship/
Native Plants/
Chemical Use
- ▶ Solid Waste

OTHER CATEGORIES WITH MULTIPLE MENTIONS*

- ▶ Trails
- ▶ Wildlife
- ▶ Litter
- ▶ Noise
- ▶ Agriculture/Food Production
- ▶ Green Building/Development Practices
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Alternative-Fueled Vehicles
- ▶ Public Health
- ▶ Land/Soil Contamination

*Additional issues each received one mention

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Public Meeting and Written Testimony Results: Overview of Categories Identified

MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORY

Climate Change
and Energy

OTHER FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORIES

- ▶ Ecological Resources/Trees
- ▶ Growth/Land Use
- ▶ Water Quality
- ▶ Environmental Stewardship/
Native Plants/ Chemical Use
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Air Quality
- ▶ Parks/Open Space
- ▶ Solid Waste

OTHER CATEGORIES WITH MULTIPLE MENTIONS*

- ▶ Government Operations
- ▶ Wildlife
- ▶ Green
Building/Development
Practices
- ▶ Specificity/Process/
Implementation
- ▶ Litter

*Additional issues each received one mention

Question 2: Do you feel that this document is complete? If not, what do you think is missing?

Survey Summary:

- ▶ 280 out of 285 responded to this question
- ▶ 69 out of 280 (just under 25%) felt that the document is complete
- ▶ 13 out of 280 said that the document is not complete but didn't provide any further guidance
- ▶ 198 respondents identified missing items

Question 2: Do you feel that this document is complete? If not, what do you think is missing?

► Survey Results: Overview of Categories of Missing Items Identified

MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORY

- Climate Change and Energy

NEXT MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORY

- Environmental Stewardship/
Native Plants/
Chemical Use

OTHER FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORIES

- Ecological Resources/Trees
- Transportation
- Specificity/Process/
Implementation
- Growth and Land Use
- Water Quality
- Parks/Open Space
- Solid Waste
- Government Operations
- Green Building/Development
Practices

OTHER CATEGORIES WITH MULTIPLE MENTIONS*

- Agriculture/Food Production
- Air Quality
- Wildlife
- Public Health
- Trails
- Alternative-Fueled Vehicles
- Housing
- Noise
- General Economic/Budget
Considerations
- Light Pollution

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MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORIES

- Climate Change and Energy
- Specificity/ Process/ Implementation
- Environmental Stewardship/ Native Plants/ Chemical Use

OTHER FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORIES

- Growth and Land Use
- Government Operations
- Water Quality
- Need for Vision

OTHER CATEGORIES WITH MULTIPLE MENTIONS*

- Ecological Resources/Trees
- Solid Waste
- Air Quality
- Transportation
- Parks/Open Space
- Regional Coordination
- Inclusion of all Segments of the County
- Environmental Justice
- Housing
- General Economic/Budget Considerations

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Question 3: Are there any other changes you would suggest to the Environmental Vision? If so, please elaborate

Survey Summary:

- ▶ 261 out of 285 responded to this question
- ▶ 89 out of 261 (just over one-third) had no additional suggestions
- ▶ 5 out of 260 said that they had other changes to suggest but did not suggest them
- ▶ 167 respondents provided more specific information

Question 3: Are there any other changes you would suggest to the Environmental Vision? If so, please elaborate

► Survey Results: Overview of Categories of Information Identified

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- Climate Change and Energy
- Environmental Stewardship/ Native Plants/ Chemical Use

OTHER FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORIES

- Growth and Land Use
- Specificity/Process/ Implementation
- Transportation
- Solid Waste
- Water Quality
- Ecological Resources/Trees
- Parks/Open Space

OTHER CATEGORIES WITH MULTIPLE MENTIONS*

- Air Quality
- Government Operations
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OTHER FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CATEGORIES

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- Water Quality

OTHER CATEGORIES WITH MULTIPLE MENTIONS*

- Transportation
- Solid Waste
- Government Operations
- Green Building/Development Practices
- General Economic/Budget Considerations
- Litter
- Scientific Information
- Vulnerable Populations

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Community/EQAC Involvement

- **June, 2016: Public survey**
- **July 2016: Facilitated public meetings**
- **August 2016: Posting of public input results/findings**
- **December 2016: EQAC and BOS staff check-ins on draft report**
- **January 2017: Posting of draft report on-line for comment**
- **May 2017: Transmittal of final draft report to BOSEC**
- **June 2017: BOSEC review and direction**
- **July 2017: BOS adoption**

Schedule

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